



## JOB ADVERTISEMENT

The Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) in Erkner near Berlin, a non-university research organization and member of the Leibniz Association, is looking for a

### **PhD researcher (f/m/d, 65%, TV-L E13)**

in the project "[Post-Office](#)" in the Research Area "Economy and Civil Society". The position is initially limited to twelve months, an extension for a further three years on the basis of a convincing exposé for a doctoral project is expressly sought.

#### **Project description:**

The lead project 'Post-Office' aims to explore the future succeeding the dominance of the traditional office. The aim is to understand the dynamics of change in knowledge-generating collaboration and to analyze and understand the resulting consequences for urban and rural regions. The research interest is focused on new spatial forms of knowledge-generating collaboration, including their online and off-line arrangements, new mobile forms of knowledge work and their potential consequences for transformation processes in urban and rural regions. Special consideration is given to disruptive events such as the Covid-19 pandemic. The project is in its final year of implementation. Qualitative data is already available, which will be analyzed and processed by the potential research fellow. In collaboration with other team members, a peer-reviewed publication will be produced based on this data and a practitioner workshop will be organized. The collaboration in the ongoing project in 2025 offers a possible starting point for the preparation of your own doctoral project. It is also possible to pursue your own ideas that have already been developed or to further work on first steps of a doctoral project that can be linked to the post-office project at the IRS.

#### **Your Tasks:**

- Conceptual and empirical collaboration in the described lead project
- Qualitative analysis of interview transcripts (German/English)
- Preparation of an exposé for a PhD project
- Publication of research results in peer-reviewed international journals
- Presentation of research results at national and international events
- Preparation of research results for an extended target group (participation in science communication, involvement of practitioners)

#### **Your profile:**

- Very good university degree (Master's level) in a social science discipline, for example human geography, spatial sciences, organisational sciences or other disciplines with a spatial focus
- Proven knowledge of qualitative empirical social research methods, ideally experiences in working on an ongoing research project
- Theoretical knowledge of the topics such as knowledge work, digitalisation, relational spaces
- Knowledge in the field of new forms of knowledge-based work, e.g:
  - Multi-local work
  - Remote Work / digitally mediated work
  - Coworking / Coliving
- Very good written and spoken German and English (further language skills are welcome)
- Independent working style, openness to interdisciplinary collaboration, very good communication skills

- First experiences in organising events and workshops

**We offer:**

The IRS offers varied position with an innovative and interdisciplinary team in a dynamic scientific environment. Working in an interdisciplinary scientific team gives you the freedom to design and carry out your own PhD-project, which is thematically linked to the above outlined lead project or the research topics of the Research Group "[Creativity and Work](#)". A self-organized group of doctoral students organizes regular meetings, scientific exchange and an annual retreat. Through various, national and international cooperation with other researchers and research organisations as well as event series of the IRS, the potential candidate finds good networking opportunities as well as opportunities for research and exchange stays abroad. The IRS also offers a wide range of opportunities for continuous professional development and is committed to the health care of its employees.

Further points are:

Remuneration and social benefits in line with TV-L

- Flexible working hours and the option of mobile working
- Family-friendly working conditions - IRS has been awarded the "Berufundfamilie" certificate as a family-friendly employer since 2015
- Employer subsidy for the job ticket

The IRS guarantees professional equality for all persons in accordance with the Federal Equal Opportunities Act (BGleIG) and strives for an open and non-discriminatory work culture. We expressly welcome applications from women. If equally qualified, applicants with special needs will be given preference.

If this job advertisement appeals to you, please send your application documents (motivation letter, CV, certificates (of degrees), references, a one-page outline / idea description of a potential PhD project, stating the **reference number 1624** in a PDF file by e-mail by 20.01.2025 to: [bewerbung@leibniz-irs.de](mailto:bewerbung@leibniz-irs.de).

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